AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended)

A method of making a dispensing closure comprising

compression molding a first charge of molten plastic to form a plastic closure having a base wall and a peripheral skirt with internal means for securement to a container, and forming an opening in said base wall of said plastic closure,

placing a second charge of molten plastic within said closure, and

compression molding said second charge into a combined liner and nozzle on said plastic closure on an underside of said base wall within said skirt.

2. (Original)

The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 1 wherein the step of forming said opening in said base wall comprises forming an integral transverse cull on the base wall of the plastic closure during the compression molding of said plastic closure and thereafter severing said cull to form said opening.

3. (Original)

The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 2 wherein the step of forming said opening comprises forming a thin integral web of plastic connecting said cull to said base wall of said closure.

4. (Original)

The method set forth in claim 2 wherein the step of forming said cull comprises forming a disk across said opening.

5. (Original)

The method set forth in claim 4 wherein the step of forming said disk comprises forming a thin web of plastic at the juncture of said base wall and said disk along which said disk may be severed.

6. (Original)

The method set forth in claim 2 wherein the step of forming said cull comprises forming a base wall and an integral wall integrally connected with said closure by a weakened line along which the cull is severed.

7. (Original)

The method set forth in claim 6 including forming said closure to a configuration such that it can be utilized as an overcap.

8. (Previously Presented)

The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 1 including forming at least one slit in a nozzle portion of said combined liner and nozzle.

9. (Previously Presented)

The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 8 wherein the step of forming at least one slit in said nozzle portion comprises engaging said dispensing closure, applying a force to the outer surface of said nozzle portion and moving a cutting tool axially against the inner surface of said nozzle portion to cut said slit.

10. (Previously Presented)

The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 1 wherein the step of forming said combined liner and nozzle comprises forming a nozzle portion extending through said opening.

11. (Previously Presented)

The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 10 wherein the step of compression molding said plastic closure comprises forming an axial projection defining said opening, and wherein the step of said compression molding said combined liner and nozzle comprises engaging said axial projection to define a cavity for said nozzle portion during the compression molding.

12. (Original)

The method of making a dispensing closure set forth in claim 11 wherein the step of compression molding of said plastic closure comprises forming a shoulder at the juncture of the inner surface of said base wall and said peripheral skirt, and engaging said shoulder with a forming tool to close the cavity during compression molding of the combined liner and nozzle.

13. (Currently Amended)

A method of making a closure comprising

molding a first charge of molten plastic to form a plastic closure having a base wall and a peripheral skirt with internal means for securement to a container, and forming an opening in said base wall of said plastic closure,

placing a second charge of molten plastic within said closure, and

compression molding said second charge into a combined liner and nozzle on said plastic closure on an underside of said base wall within said skirt.

14. (Original)

The method set forth in claim 13 wherein the step of forming said opening in said base wall comprises forming an integral transverse cull on the base wall of the plastic closure during the molding of said plastic closure and thereafter severing said cull to form said opening.

15. (Original)

The method set forth in claim 14 wherein the step of forming said opening comprises forming a thin integral web of plastic connecting said cull to said base wall of said closure.

16. (Previously Presented)

The method set forth in claim 13 wherein the step of molding said plastic closure comprises forming an axial projection defining said opening, and thereafter compression molding said combined liner and nozzle by engaging said axial projection to define a cavity for said combined liner and nozzle during the compression molding.

17. (Previously Presented)

The method set forth in claim 16 wherein the step of molding of said plastic closure comprises forming a shoulder at the juncture of the inner surface of said base wall and said peripheral skirt, and engaging said shoulder with a forming tool to close the cavity during the molding of the combined liner and nozzle.

18. (Original)

The method set forth in claim 14 wherein the step of forming said cull comprises forming a disk across said opening.

19. (Original)

The method set forth in claim 18 wherein the step of forming said disk comprises forming a thin web of plastic at the juncture of said base wall and disk along which the disk may be severed.

20. (Original)

The method set forth in claim 14 wherein the step of forming said cull comprises forming a base wall and an integral wall integrally connected with said closure by a weakened line along which the cull is severed.

21. (Original)

The method set forth in claim 20 including forming said closure to a configuration such that it can be utilized as an overcap.

22. (Previously Presented)

The method set forth in claim 13 including forming at least one slit in said combined liner and nozzle.

23. (Original)

The method set forth in claim 13 wherein said closure is molded by compression molding.

24. (Currently Amended)

A method of making a closure comprising

forming a plastic closure having a base wall, a peripheral skirt with internal means for securement to a container and an opening in said base wall,

placing a mold charge of molten plastic material with said closure, and

compression molding said mold charge into a combined liner and nozzle onto an underside of said base wall within said skirt in such a way that said combined liner and nozzle has an annular liner portion on said underside of said base wall and a nozzle portion within said opening.

25. (Previously Presented)

The method set forth in claim 24 wherein the step of compression molding said combined liner and nozzle is such that said nozzle portion extends through said opening of said base wall.

26. (Previously Presented)

The method set forth in claim 24 wherein the step of forming said plastic closure comprises forming an axial projection defining said opening, and thereafter compression molding said combined liner and nozzle by engaging said axial projection to define a cavity for said combined liner and nozzle during the compression molding.

27. (Previously Presented)

The method set forth in claim 25 wherein the step of forming said plastic closure comprises forming a shoulder at the juncture of the inner surface of said base wall and said peripheral skirt, and engaging said shoulder with a forming tool to close the cavity during the molding of the combined liner and nozzle.

28. (Previously Presented)

The method set forth in claim 24 wherein said closure is formed by compression molding.